

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 5, 2001**. Dry weather across much of the state allowed farmers to continue to harvest hay and also allow crops to progress rapidly. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 25 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	98	96	100	97	0	2	16	55	27
	Dent	88	74	91	84					
	Mature	40	26	48	38					
	Harvested	2	0	8	6					
	Silage Harvested	54	36	44	48					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	96	100	99	0	8	18	50	24
	Open Bolls	2	1	4	4					
Rice	Heading	82	60	64	71	0	5	16	53	26
	Mature	4	1	3	1					
Sorghum	Heading	99	98	98	97	0	5	14	55	26
	Turning Color	70	50	66	62					
	Mature	20	9	11	10					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	97	98	92	0	6	24	56	14
	Setting Pods	92	87	89	76					
	Turning Color	20	14	11	9					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	75	72	65	70	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Harvested	84	79	79	80	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes						3	5	37	40	15
Cattle						1	2	19	64	14
Pasture						0	4	24	57	15

County Agent Comments

“Dry weather prevailed over most of the county last week. Corn is rapidly maturing and stalks are beginning to brown. Soybeans are podding and filling. Cotton continues to bloom and put on bolls. Pastures are beginning to show stress due to lack of moisture in areas where grazing pressure is higher. We need a good two inch rain to help carry our beans and cotton out to the end of the season and to finish our hay season.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Frequent afternoon showers have hampered summer hay harvest. Quantity is good, but quality is beginning to suffer. Corn silage harvest is complete. So far no signs of armyworms; cattle and hay producers are keeping their fingers crossed.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“We will begin corn harvest next week if weather allows. Rains have halted field activities for now. Cotton and soybean crops look good at this time.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

“Moisture conditions are pretty adequate over the entire county. Recent rains have slowed hay harvesting considerably. Last of corn silage is being harvested.”

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

“July ended with above average rainfall amounts along the Coast. Brown patch and take-all fungal diseases have been confirmed on area turfgrass. All eyes are on Tropical Storm Barry.”

— Chance McDavid, Harrison County

Weather Summary from July 30, 2001 to August 5, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	93	71	82	82	0	0.26	-0.46	3	2.70	91	79	85	0.46
Cleveland	94	72	83			2.25		1	6.34				
Tunica	97	71	85	81	+ 4	0.25	-0.41	2	1.56	100	81	91	0.25
Extreme/Average	97	71	83	82	+ 1	0.92	+ 0.19	2	3.53	100	79	88	0.33
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	94	66	80	79	+ 1	0.94	+ 0.04	2	1.46	90	80	85	0.22
Memphis	95	73	84	83	+ 1	0.81	+ 0.02	3	4.30				
Oxford	95	69	83	79	+ 4	0.58	-0.22	1	1.11				
Extreme/Average	95	66	82	80	+ 2	0.78	-0.03	2	1.11	90	80	85	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	72	82	80	+ 2	0.55	-0.23	2	1.68				
Corinth						0.60 E	-0.13	2	1.04 E				
Iuka	93	65	78			1.10		4	1.50				
Pontotoc	93	69	81	80	+ 1	0.55	-0.19	2	1.09	89	81	85	0.21
Tupelo	95	71	83	81	+ 2	0.65	-0.15	4	1.36				
Verona													0.29
Extreme/Average	95	65	81	80	+ 1	0.69	-0.11	3	1.33	89	81	85	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	93	70	82	82	0	0.41	-0.30	2	2.59				
Rolling Fork	97	69	83	82	+ 1	0.28	-0.47	1	0.82	107	82	95	0.21
Stoneville	95	70	83	82	+ 1	0.73	+ 0.09	1	2.76	99	82	90	0.26
Yazoo City	94	69	82	83	- 1	0.55	-0.34	4	2.54				
Extreme/Average	97	69	83	82	+ 1	0.49	-0.29	2	2.18	107	82	93	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage						0.33	-0.62	1	6.01				
Jackson	93	68	82	82	0	0.07	-0.88	2	9.11				
Winona	90	65	78	79	- 1	1.66	+ 0.78	1	5.44				
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	81	- 1	0.69	-0.25	1	6.85				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	95	70	83			0.22	-0.64	1	0.49	89	79	84	
Columbus	97	68	83	81	+ 2	1.23	+ 0.24	2	1.69				
State University	97	68	82	81	+ 1	0.31	-0.60	2	2.12	87	82	77	0.25
Extreme/Average	97	68	82	81	+ 1	0.59	-0.35	2	1.43	89	79	80	0.25
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	68	81			1.38		2	8.92	100	79	92	
Natchez	92	67	81	82	- 1	0.36	-0.62	3	3.23				
Oakley	95	68	83	81	+ 2	0.46	-0.45	3	8.03	101	80	88	
Vicksburg	93	69	82			0.21		1	1.74				
Extreme/Average	95	67	82	81	+ 1	0.60	-0.39	2	5.48	101	79	90	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	68	81	82	- 1	0.31	-1.02	1	6.26				
McComb	92	71	81	81	0	0.85	-0.41	2	4.98				
Extreme/Average	92	68	81	81	0	0.58	-0.59	2	6.26				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	66	82			1.30 E		2	3.94 E				
Hattiesburg	94	67	81	82	- 1	2.25	+ 0.99	3	5.35				
Laurel	92	66	81	82	- 1	2.88	+ 1.72	2	6.65				
Meridian	94	66	81	81	0	0.24	-0.74	5	3.55				
Newton	94	66	80	81	- 1	2.19	+ 1.16	3	4.11	92	73	83	0.21
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	81	0	1.65	+ 0.54	3	4.90	92	73	83	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						0.72 E		3	7.73 E				
Biloxi AFB	91	72	82			0.62		2	4.44				
Gulfport	93	71	82	83	- 1	2.55	+ 1.15	4	12.22				
Pascagoula	93	69	82			0.85		3	6.82				
Poplarville	93	69	81	81	0	2.22	+ 0.79	4	8.09	93	74	83	
Extreme/Average	93	69	82	82	0	1.39	-0.08	3	9.35	93	74	83	
State	97	65	82	81	+ 1	0.84	-0.13	2	4.32	107	73	86	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.